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(b) They are not ordinarily eligible for such concessions unless the terms of their contract with their management provide for the grant of such concessions.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Have the Government come across any case of a local body in this State having refused such leave to its employees?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not have the information with me.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Government kindly consider any appeal from such employees if the leave had been already refused by the local body and appeals from the heirs of the deceased employees for compensation for the leave refused?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: If an appeal is provided for, certainly it will be considered. But I do not expect the hon. Member to put questions in respect of any individual case pending before the Government.

Provident Fund benefit to teachers of the former Pudukkottai State.

* 16 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether teachers of the former Pudukkottai State now merged with the Tiruchirappalli District Board Service are eligible to continue their subscription to the Provident Fund?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: Yes, Sir, if they had elected to come under the District Board Provident Fund Scheme maintained by the Tiruchirappalli District Board.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Is it a fact that the total amount to the credit of those employees in the State Fund is now deposited with the District Board and that the employees have been denied the opportunity of joining the District Board Provident Fund Scheme?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: The employees were asked to choose the District Board Provident Fund Scheme if they wished to join it. Otherwise, they could still continue under the pensionary scheme. And in the latter case, persons who came from Pudukkottai were shown some consideration. If they choose the District Board Provident Fund Scheme, then they will be treated exactly as other District Board employees are treated.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: May I know whether those who prefer the State pension scheme will be allowed to contribute to the Provident Fund without the management's contribution but with interest on their contribution?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: As I have already said, the consideration is shown only in respect of those who wish to continue under the pensionary scheme and who have come from Pudukkottai.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the fact that the pension scheme is intended for the benefit of the employees and in view of the fact that the provident fund scheme is intended to give an impetus to the teachers to save, will the Government be pleased to permit those teachers, who come under this pension scheme, to contribute to the provident fund also without the management's contribution but with interest on the contribution made by them?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I think the question is too involved for anybody to understand.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Hon. Minister need not answer. It is not a supplementary question.

Construction of new roads and bridges under the Second Five-Year Plan.

* 17 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement showing—

(i) the new roads and bridges proposed to be laid and constructed in this State under the Second Five-Year Plan;

(ii) the approximate cost of each work; and

(iii) the year in which the work will be taken up for execution?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : The attention of the Member is invited to the paper [a] laid on the table of the House.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : As several of the works sanctioned in the First Five-Year Plan have not yet been completed, may I appeal to the Hon. Minister to see that the works are expedited?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : I will take steps.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN *RE* ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to inform the House that the following candidates were nominated for election of nine members to the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1957-58 :—

The Hon. Sri R. Venkataraman.

Sri T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai.

Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar.

Dr. V. K. John.

Srimathi Jothi Vencatachellum.

Sri V. K. Palaniswami Gounder.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 270-271 *infra*.